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U.N. DAY JOINS WAR AGAINST
DRUGS

NEWARK—On Thursday, October 24, the City of Newark will address the nation's largest drug-trafficking problem during an international luncheon to commemorate United Nations Day. The event will take place from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Terrace Ballroom of Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street.

J & J DONATES
\$25,000 TO NEWARK WIC PROGRAM

NEWARK—Johnson & Johnson has awarded the City of Newark a \$25,000 grant to aid the city's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

"The monetary award will greatly benefit our efforts to give the citizens of Newark the best health care. We appreciate the recent grant as well as other programs sponsored by J&J in Newark," commented Mayor James.

Irvington

UN day

IRVINGTON—Irvington will participate in its first observance of United Nations Day, commemorating the UN's 46th anniversary on October 24th, at 4 p.m. and 26th, at 3 p.m., at the Civic Square.

Initiated by Mayor Michael G. Steele, the observance is designed to bring various ethnic groups together to share common interests, concerns, cultures, and to serve as a means of educating the community about the important role of the United Nations.

The theme for this year's UN celebration is *Uniting the World Against Drugs*.

Festivities and ceremonies will include cultural-traditional dances (masquerades) from various nationalities. Various schools in Irvington are expected to participate in the ceremonies. Various state and local elected officials are also expected.

James hosts
mayors

by Connie Woodruff

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James is certainly the host with the most. And he knows how to show it off for visitors as well as hometown folks.

Last week the City of Newark was host to the leadership of the U.S. Conference of Mayors who came here for a two day meeting to "push for an extension of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and to discuss strategy for making the housing crisis in the nation's cities a national priority."

One highlight of the confab was a luncheon underwritten by Prudential Insurance Company, K. Hovnanian Company, Hartz Mountain Industries and First Fidelity Bank.

Newarkers had an opportunity to hear first-hand that lack of money for affordable housing is not endemic to their city alone.

According to the Mayors of Madison, WI; Newton and Boston, MA; Philadelphia, PA; and Birmingham, NY, affordable housing is an critical nationwide problem as climbing unemployment, lack of "Presidential initiative" to put America back to work and the

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Thomas squeaks out narrow victory after 110 days of intense scrutiny

by Hamil R. Harris

Washington, DC (CNS)—Federal Appeals Court Judge Clarence Thomas was confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by the United States Senate on Tuesday, October 15th, closing the book on one of the most dramatic chapters in United States political history. He called for "healing" on all sides after the closest confirmation vote in history.

President Bush's appointment of Thomas was approved despite a last minute allegation of sexual harassment against him, a nominee by the University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill, because "black leaders failed to get the message out to the people," according to opponents of the nomination. However, supported, he attributed the confirmation to black vote influence in key population states.

He may have been bloodied, but a defiant Thomas enjoyed the final moment of victory with conciliatory remarks after 110 days of suspenseful hearings and seven and one-half hours of debate before the last vote in the 100 member Senate of 98 men and two women, all white. Each Senator stood to cast the 52-48 vote for the Judge, thus making him only the second African-American member of the nation's highest

court. Eleven Democrats joined 41 Republicans in the tense vote.

Lawmakers, lobbyists and a throng of reporters occupied the seats usually reserved for tourists in the Senate gallery as the clerk called the roll in this close-up look at the capitol's questionable political procedures which have been exposed for all the world to see by American media. Even two members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) and Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), chose to be part of the room scene.

Earlier Tuesday, the predominantly Democratic CBC members, as well as Rev. Jesse Jackson held two news conferences to reaffirm their opposition to Judge Thomas and to focus attention on what Jackson said were "the central issues surrounding the confirmation...The Bush/Republican strategy is to nominate a right wing conservative to fill a seat on the Supreme Court, using the tactic of race as a decoy to divide and conquer the opposition."

The Thomas nomination and confirmation truly appeared to have caught the black leadership off guard and divided the African-American community as blacks joined whites in cheering the final action from coast to coast, including Washington and Thomas' hometown of Pin Point, GA. In the capital, Rep. Craig

Washington (D-TX), who was flanked by several CBC members, including D.C. Congressman Eleanor Holmes Norton, admitted that black leaders "failed" as feminist groups led the attack on Thomas.

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Plainfield Council recommends \$4 million budget cut

Denise M. Germann

PLAINFIELD—The goal of returning the city back to fiscal responsibility was the central theme reiterated by several attendees of a budget session held last Wednesday evening at the City Hall Library.

Four of the seven council members along with the council's Citizens Budget Advisory Committee met to discuss the committee's interim recommendations for the proposed 1991-1992 budget. Committee chairman John Stella highlighted three issues in his report that if left unattended could cause a \$5 million

tax burden on the city next year. The concerns raised were the proposed use of a \$3 million surplus, pension expenses of which \$1.6 million are not reflected in the budget, and the bonding of \$12.8 million that would cost the city \$1.2 million a year to pay back. However, the budget only reflected \$448,000 of that total. Stella also suggested that steps be taken to cut spending down to 1990 levels. That year the budget was \$33 million. This would mean though that \$4 million would have to be cut out of the budget.

Stella mentioned that since 70% of the budget consists of monies for salaries, it would be difficult to bal-

ance the budget without some sort of reduction in personnel. There were several recommendations that could perhaps stop this from happening. If budgeted increases for non-personnel personnel were eliminated, current salaries for union workers held and possibly the canceling of unfilled positions and shifting of monies elsewhere, some of the problems might be relieved.

Councilman Malcolm Dunn stated that the council must be willing to lead by example. "We have to do whatever needs to be done to achieve financial responsibility. Everything including the

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Mayors unite in Newark for better community housing

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK—Providing a united front in order to help rebuild

met in Newark last week to tour the city's housing complexes and set an agenda for bringing this and others to Washington, DC.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James served as host to the United States

Newark Mayor Sharpe James hosted United States Conference of Mayors last week.



America's cities, mayors from several cities throughout the country

Conference of Mayors were along with the tour of the city's housing, he also took part in a luncheon and

roundtable discussion where the mayors discussed housing problems and solutions in cities.

During a press conference in the Hilton Garden Hotel, Mayor Raymond Flynn of Boston, MA, president of the USCM, along with several of the other mayors stated that some successful things are going on in Newark and the city should be the model that others abide by.

Flynn said that with all of Newark's positives, it and other cities cannot effect the changes alone. He said that it is just an urban problem or a mayor's problem.

He stated that getting people back to work and rebuilding the infrastructure of cities will help them to revitalize and therefore, stimulate the cities' and nation's economies.

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Matsushita gives NJPAC a million

SECAUCUS—Matsushita Electric Corporation of America has presented a \$1 million gift to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). The gift is the latest and largest in the international giant's widespread support of multi-cultural activities in the United States.

The announcement was made by Matsushita Chairman and CEO Akio Imura at the corporation's Secaucus headquarters during a ceremony that included New Jersey Secretary of State Joan Haberle, Congressman Donald M. Payne, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Newark Council President Donald Tucker, and NJPAC President Lawrence P. Goldman.

A joint public/private partnership, the initial building of the NJPAC will include a 2,700-seat

multi-purpose theater, a 300-seat theater, restaurants, cafes, public lobbies and offices. The first phase also includes construction of Theater Square, a public promenade and meeting place.

"Nurturing artistic, scholarly, and theatrical traditions is, we believe, an excellent way to serve society," Imura said. "We view the Arts Center as an outstanding vehicle through which the beauty of the world's cultures will be presented to the people of the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area."

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CITY PEOPLE



Dr. Henry J. Pruitt

WAYNE — Dr. Henry J. Pruitt, Jr., principal of the Janis E. Dismus Middle School in Englewood, has been named chairman of the Board of Trustees of William Paterson College. Clarice Jackson, assistant general counsel, Woolworth Corporation, was also named vice-chair.

A resident of Teaneck, Pruitt received his B.A. from Hunter College, an M.A. in science education

Pruitt, Jackson on WPC board

from NYU and his M.Ed. and Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University. He is a member of a host of professional associations.

Ms. Jackson is a member of the New Jersey Bar, has served on the



Charles Jackson

board of the National Urban League, and is a past president of the Board of Directors of the Essex County Urban League.

Jackson completes course

ORANGE — Newly elected Orange school board member, Charles Jackson recently completed an intensive training course in local school board responsibilities and state education issues during an orientation course sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association.



Charles Jackson

NJ PAC gift

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Sister Beatrice Ryan new SHARE-USA head

NEWARK — Sister Beatrice Ryan, founding director of SHARE-New Jersey, has been selected as Executive Director of SHARE-USA. She is presently on the Board of Directors of World SHARE and SHARE USA.

Sister Beatrice was honored by the SHARE Board of Directors at SHARE's sixth birthday celebration on September 14th at the SHARE Center in Newark. Deputy director, Janette Carroll has been appointed in an acting capacity to succeed Sister Beatrice until a permanent appointment is made.



Sister Beatrice Ryan

People on the move...

Hein Poch and Henry Friedman were named Newark's September Incentive Award winners. Hein received his award because of his involvement in developing the Green Horizons Community Garden of Lincoln Ave. Friedman was honored for 27 years of service to the Newark educational system. Karen Schuster of Irving Township and Joyce Offery of Princeton Junction both won a course of their choice at Mersey County Community College when their names were selected in random drawing by Princeton radio stations WPTZ and WPTZ. Dr. Leonard T. Korman has resigned his post as vice president for academic affairs at Union County College and will return to teaching history. Professor William Duncum, chairman of the Biology Dept. has been appointed to act in his position. Prof. Robert Tralove of Beloit College, who teaches fine arts at Union County College, has been awarded a \$2,000 fellowship by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for creative work in the field of photography. Jamilah Muhammad, a recent graduate of West Side High School in Newark, has been named a Presidential Scholar of Lincoln University. Crossroads Theatre Company of New Brunswick was selected as one of seven theater companies nominated to receive a grant from the Fund for New American Plays. The grant of \$15,000 will be used to produce a new work by Ntozake Shange entitled *The Nigger in the Woodpile*. John and Rita Bettsendorfer, Ken Bert, Elizabeth Christopher and Clement Alexander Price, Drs. Cheryl A. Wall and Penelope Lettner, C. Ray Epps Jr., Eric Kneib, Sen. John Lynch, Ralph and Barbara Voorhees, and William Wright will be honored for their support during "Celebration of the Crossroads Family" on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Demelrick Bangumile of Scotch Plains, a May graduate of Union County College, has received the Helen Hurd Award for Excellence from Rutgers where he has been accepted for studies towards a bachelor's degree in political science. Frank L. Puel has assumed his duties as the new administrator of Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark. The *Blackenberg Regional Medical Center* recently dedicated its new Endoscopy Unit to the memory of a prominent physician in the field, Howard J. Alford. Charles Waller has been appointed publicity manager for Madison Square Garden's Entertainment and Attractions Group. Neil Charles of Plainfield, a sophomore elementary education major at Rider College, is competing in his second season on the Rider varsity soccer team. Peter Wilton of Westfield has been appointed president and CEO of the New Jersey Division of US Workers Raising Corporation. Dr. A. H. Bessie, former vice president of new product development at Lockheed Electronics Co., was elected secretary of William Paterson College. Barbara Drake of Plainfield has been named to the School Department faculty of Morrisville Senior School. Willie Adams, a Plainfield High School teacher participated last summer in the project Assessment for Science Teaching held at Rutgers University, a program geared toward finding new approaches for the improvement of science education. Essex County Planning Board recently honored Ekaterina Zhukova, Executive Director of the Old Woman's Center in Maple Mt. Zhukova received a two month fellowship through the Kellogg Foundation to meet and work with women's organizations in the United States.

NABJ awards Georgetown production

WASHINGTON, DC — The National Association of Black Journalists has presented World Beat Associates, the production branch of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, with its top Award of Excellence. The award recognized World Beat's one-hour documentary, "The Death Throes of Apartheid," for its outstanding coverage of the current situation in South Africa.

The production was chosen from entries in international reporting

from the network and top 15 newsweek category. A panel of judges, themselves working journalists, chose winners from more than 450 entries based on their coverage of the black condition. "The Death Throes of Apartheid" focuses on what the historic transition to a non-racial, post-apartheid society means to South Africa. By interviewing both whites and blacks of three different communities, the report describes South Africa through the eyes of everyday South Africans.

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



The new segregation

"I don't make a big deal about racism. I grow up in a mixed neighborhood. Some of my very best friends are white. While people have generally been good to me."

The above statement was made by a black person who had read my column titled "The New Separatism." In that column I said that many blacks and whites realize that they live in an increasingly segregated society and want it that way. Whites, generally, prefer to have blacks isolated in poverty because it gives them a bit of pseudo self-esteem. They can escape any unhappiness in their lives by saying, "I may not be as good as my boss (wife, husband etc.) but I know that I am better than any black person." This is the psychological value that blacks have for many white people. It also allows for the government to refrain from spending the funds that would be necessary for the elimination of racism.

Many blacks tend to desire to live in communities separate from whites because of the psychological trauma that they must endure in order to carry on daily activities in contact with white people. Whites generally do not want to mingle with blacks, and blacks know it. Yes, blacks fear restriction (job loss, incarceration, loss of an apartment) if they make their feelings known. So they keep their anger locked up within them — except when they are in the company of other blacks. This is the psychological trauma experienced by all blacks.

It is an "Invisible Race Riot." The depth of racial hatred for blacks and whites is almost frightening. Blacks who have attended predominantly white colleges are not surprised to have the words "nigger" written on their dormitory doors. Or to have whites get up and leave a

cafeteria or library table when they sit down. Or have a college professor completely ignore them when they raise their hands to speak. Black students are rushing to leave white colleges and enroll in black schools. Re-segregation is, apparently, desired by blacks and whites in every echelon of society.

I agree with the gentleman who said that some of his best friends were white. Some of mine are, also. However, the reality of the Big Picture is one of racial hatred. Many people do not like to hear or speak the unfortunate reality of America because it goes against the so-called principles of democracy. But the facts operate daily on the streets. An Invisible Race Riot is taking place. Actual racial violence takes place in the dark of night. However, psychological racial violence takes place during most encounters between blacks and whites. They would probably destroy each other if they could get away with it.

If you understand the permanent segregation of American society, you can understand the dynamics of the struggle by blacks in South Africa for complete democracy. South Africa blacks should not and will not accept anything short of a racial riot by the majority population of blacks. American blacks had an opportunity to restructure American society in the 1960s. Our time for a truly democratic society has passed. We made great social advancement, but because of our complacency and trust in democracy, we allowed it to slip through our fingers. Perhaps someday, we can glory in a South Africa run by truly free black people.

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner has moved. Please make note that his new address is P.O. Box 22219, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Kukla at Peppermint

ORANGE — Author Barbara J. Kukla will be at the Peppermint Lounge, 173 Central Avenue, Orange, for a book-signing party for "Swing City: Newark Nightlife, 1925-50 at 9 p.m., October 22.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

TEANECK — William Paterson College of New Jersey and the African-American Institute of the State University of NY will co-sponsor an international conference on the African-American male, "A Self-Reliance Movement Towards a Decade of Action" at the Glen Hotel. For more info, call 24 hours 914-683-2056 or 516-443-9798, or Dr. Vernon McLean at William Paterson College 201-595-3026.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

NEWARK — "Ballet De Ajo" V. De La offers an history of dance in Puerto Rico from its Afro-Indo-European roots to the present at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. Free admission. For more info, call 201-735-7772.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

ORANGE — Prevent Drug Abuse Walkathon coordinated by Orange Municipal Alliance. The event will begin at 10 a.m. leaving from Main and 8th streets to Central Playground at Central and Lincoln avenues. There will be a \$1 fee to participate. For more info call 266-4005.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City State College Women's Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hudson County is offering "Legal Education Night," a series of private consultations with Leonard Y. Altman, Esq., at the JSCC Women's Center, 32 College St. For more info, call 201-547-3189.

ORANGE — The city of Orange will introduce its senior citizen emergency identification card program - I.D. ME I'm An Orange Senior. The program's kick off is scheduled to coincide with the Second Annual Orange Senior Halloween Party which is to be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Peppermint Entertainment Complex, 175 Central Ave. Senior are asked to bring their Medicaid cards to this event in order to register for the I.D. ME Program. For more info, call 201-266-4048.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education will conduct its Long Range Planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the PHS Conf. Rm.

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U.N. slow to act on South Africa

By Daniel Marlen

NEW YORK (NNPA)—The general debate of the newly-opened session of the United Nations General Assembly began with a whimper and a hush on the problem of apartheid in South Africa. At the end of two weeks of the start of the session, about half of the delegations had taken part in the debate. Most of those delegations altogether omitted any mention of South Africa and its malevolent extremely racist policies of apartheid. Several other delegations made only scant mention of apartheid and only glossed over it. And a bare handful of the delegates went hammer and tong, slashing the undying racial system of apartheid with deep concern and oratory.

All the delegates' presentations were characterized by unanimity over the end of the cold war and the re-emergence of a trend towards democracy that is currently sweeping over what used to be USSR, and engulfing Eastern Europe. There is also a unanimity on welcoming new delegations to the ranks of the world community of member nations at the U.N. and the desire for peace

and harmony among the nations. But only a handful of delegates made heated debate against the seemingly unending South African problem of apartheid, which has deprived the indigenous population of their country, of their human and citizenship rights ever since the beginning of white-black contact on the African continent. Ghana, Haiti, Burkina Faso and Swaziland were among the brave delegations who staunchly continue to stage a door struggle to bring about an early end to white domination and apartheid in racist-ruled South Africa, and to turn that land into a nation under a just, equal and democratic government.

In a general debate that was mostly characterized by avoidance of mentioning apartheid and white domination as evils and crimes to mankind, a few delegates only made scant mention of the evil policies of South Africa's heinous apartheid policies. But, a handful of delegates made bold statements and attacked the racism of apartheid and its stubbornness in refusing to change the country to a democratic system of government. Bravo, to countries like Ghana, Haiti, Burkina Faso, Swaziland and two or three others whose delegates used their power of oratory to say the right things against

apartheid and its consequences for the indigenous people of South Africa and adjoining lands!

In a marathon speech, Dr. Obeng Y. Asamoah, Ghana's Foreign Minister and leader of his delegation, said, "The forces of change that the end of the cold war has unleashed upon the world continue to make their impact across the entire globe. The conflict in Angola appears to be coming to an end... Today, South Africa stands at the door knocking to be allowed to re-enter the community of nations. The repeal of the legislative pillars of apartheid, at least in theory, indicate that apartheid is in the process of being dismantled. The repeal of the infamous Population Registration Act has established the possibility for basic equality in South Africa. The people of South Africa, however, are yet to enjoy an atmosphere conducive to free and meaningful negotiations." Dr. Asamoah then proceeded to assail the regime's clandestine funding of INKATHA, its obstinate refusal to heed the U.N.'s Declaration on Apartheid, and its irresponsibility in permitting a state of violence to continue in the country, etc. Dr. Asamoah said that Ghana has determined to ensure the eradication of apartheid. "That is a moral

responsibility from which we cannot escape," he said.

The King of Swaziland, King Muswazi III said that the international community was witnessing a new world order which would affect racial problems in South Africa and among its neighbors.

In one of the most emotion-charged presentations against apartheid at the U.N., Issa Doucoure Konate, Foreign Minister of Burkina Faso said, "Apartheid goes on to compromise the economic, health and stability of the Frontline States. Mozambique has paid a particularly high price. RENAMO continues its sabotage and destruction. The international community should maintain sanctions so as to accelerate the process of eliminating apartheid. Burkina Faso, along with the movement of Non-Aligned Countries supports the concept of constitutional democracy."

Jean Bertrand Aristide, the new President of Haiti, in a moving speech which touched all the world's trouble spots and problems, said that Haiti had been one of the first places where slavery was abolished. From the Haitian revolution had arisen the roots of the first declaration of human rights. Speaking of the situation in South Africa, he said that

the people of "Azania" had staged victories over the apartheid system. But, he said, the peak of democracy was still far from being attained. He

emphasized, "Sanctions must not be lifted!" India emphasized, "Pressure against apartheid must be sustained."



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Mayors meet

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"We're going into Hometown USA and hearing first hand what's taking place," Flynn continued.

He referred to USCM as a "grassroots organization building from the foundation up." He added that they are working together to get the issues on the table to the candidates for the upcoming presidential race.

Flynn said that an agenda including a rebuilt infrastructure, a strong public works program, and a strengthened policy for transportation are the things Congress and whomever is in the White House need to address in order to put people back to work as to revitalize urban areas.

Mayor William Althaus, of York, Pa., agreed that the job could not be done just in the cities alone and also called on support from Washington.

"We represent the people of America on a level of government closest to the people," Althaus said. "We believe we have some solutions. We're not asking for budget busting proposals. We are realistic but we do need help," he said.

Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode joined other public housing helped rebuild America after World War II and it can do the same thing to pull people out of the recession.

Goode stated that there is a problem with poverty and homelessness in this country and a lot of it can be remedied with a better program for public housing.

"We must explore all means," he said pointing out the importance of a public-private partnership.

There's no way a mayor can rebuild without the private sector," Goode said. "We saw it here," he said indicating Newark, "and when you bring it together, it works."

Mayors Ted Mann of Newton, Ma. and Juanita Crabbe of Binghamton, NY praised James for what he has done in Newark and Mann challenged President Bush to walk in James' steps to see what is happening in cities.

Ms. Crabbe said that the housing that the mayors saw for Newark residents should be available to all of the country's residents.

She added that the issue of affordable quality housing should be at the top of the presidential agenda during the upcoming race.

"It's our responsibility to ensure that every child and family has decent housing," said Mayor Paul Soglin of Madison, Wis.

Pointing out that it was the common laborer of America who built the cities and the country, he said that time has come for the government to return the favor.

"Now the people who have contributed to the wealth of the city are asking for some of it back," Soglin said.

The United States Conference of Mayors will move onto the Midwest next month. Along with their tour of American cities, they will be having a presidential forum with special questions addressed to the candidates for the office of President in January.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Where do we draw the line?

So, we hear that one of the first cases on the docket for newly-confined Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas will be about pornography. It prompts us to give some consideration to this subject and that of censorship. It seems that these days, one leads to the other.

We're not sure if we're crazy about someone, or some special interest group telling us that we should not be able to read certain places, see certain movies, listen to certain recordings, read certain books or magazines. Oftentimes, there is a fine line drawn when we talk about things that are morally right or morally wrong. It depends on each person's own interpretation.

A case in point surrounds a recent fall from grace children's television star who's award-winning show was recently cancelled. He was arrested while minding his own business in an adult-type store. He was not hurting anyone, accusing old ladies, or abusing any children. He was minding his own business but once the media got a hold of the story, he was criticized and made a spectacle of for the whole country to see.

Yes, we agree there should be discretionary measures used when children are involved and there should be warning labels on records and books. But, instead of relying on some outside entity to teach someone about "the facts of life," or mandate what is morally right or wrong, adults must take the responsibility upon themselves to educate themselves and children.

When Americans start letting other small yet very vocal groups of Americans dictate what can and cannot be done, it infringes on everyone's First Amendment rights. We do not want to get into a Big Brother state where we will not be able to think let alone act for ourselves.

Political commentary...

An agenda for improvements in education

by C. Stephen Jones

Despite ten years of legal action and a victory for the advocates of full funding for urban schools, the huge gap in spending and therefore, academic performance, between property rich school districts like Millburn, Westfield, Livingston, and others, and property poor school districts, like Newark, Camden, Paterson and Jersey City remain the same.

The Education Law Center (ELC) has returned to the State Supreme Court on the grounds that the Quality Education Act (QEA) does not begin to address the disparity in school funding. The appeal to the State Supreme Court was rebuffed in a minor setback for the ELC.

And despite the aggressive rhetoric of the business community and their chronic complaints on the difficulty of finding workers, beyond a few scattered pilot programs has been produced to improve educational opportunity.

Dropout rates continue to be high, reading and math scores have seen only marginal improvement, and in some cases have dropped. There are no plans to build new schools in urban districts despite the proof established in the Abbott vs. Burke case that the money in antiquated school plants in urban districts is wasteful and counterproductive.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

Quote of the Week

"People have a God given right to make as much of themselves as they can. This means nothing in urban schools where students rarely leave town and little is done to stimulate the imagination of students or to expand their view of the possibilities."

C. Stephen Jones
on an agenda for American education.

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by Connie Woodruff

Like it or not, Judge Clarence Thomas will be sworn in and take a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court next week and that will officially put an end to the saga of Clarence Thomas vs. Anita Hill, a former employee who charged him with sexual harassment while he was her superior in government service.

The so-called "hearing" had all the aspects of a courtroom trial and the attendant drama. It also had the spice and suspense of a four-day talk show with 14 talk show hosts (members of the Senate Judiciary Committee) and multiple panels of "experts" supporting both principle actors.

But like millions of other Americans I remained glued to my TV until the curtain fell early Monday morning. Nothing was proven for or against the accused, and Hill returned to her Oklahoma base to a

heroines welcome from the home state folks.

Actually, the alleged "digging for the truth" raged on two days longer than necessary. The climactic moment occurred when Thomas, in a posture of righteous indignation suggested he was on the hot seat because of racial stereotyping, by insinuating a victim of racism and the unwitting and unwilling target of technical lynching.

That surprise outbreak from the man who had shown deliberate calm seemed to unnerve every white "liberal" Democrat on the committee, and there was a visible flinching of bodies that slunk lower in their chairs and stony stares of bewilderment at this sudden change of character.

It was a calculated risk, or maybe Thomas really felt maligned. But, for whatever reason, the tactic worked. From that moment on, the Judge was never asked real hard questions by his interrogators neither did any of them protest when he

flatly refused to answer specific questions that may have shed some light and brought about the truth or consequences.

It was an old lawyer trick for Judge Thomas to put white people on the defense by using code words like "racism" and "lynching." His detractors were being neither racist nor did their gingerly handling of his questions make them as menacing as any kind of lynch mob. But legal eagles all know that a good offense is better than a defense in a court of law, and this hearing had all the earmarks of a court case to be decided by a jury of one persons.

By appearing powerless in the face of a 14-member all white committee of the powerful, we could conjure up visions of white against black, the misunderstood and always maligned stereotypical black man. It was a good tactic to employ at that point and early enough in the game to make it effective.

In a sense, Thomas took charge the moment he sat at the defense table and left it in triumph. Obviously, he learned the art of surviving among powerful whites as a student at Holy Cross and later at Yale. Apparently, somewhere along the line, he learned equally well that politics is the art of compromise as he sounded forgiving albeit "hurt" and "crushed" as the victim of racism and "technical" lynching.

Through it all, however, he was never derisive toward Anita Hill whom he often described as "very professional", intelligent but perhaps misguided. The perfect gentleman who was adamant about his innocence.

Hollow though this victory may be, he nevertheless has a lifetime job. He can be as independent as he chooses in rendering decisions in important cases that come before the supreme court, or he can choose to remain faithful and loyal to the conservative Republican doctrine he has espoused in the Department of Education and more recently as

director of EEOC.

We have to ponder whether he thinks he needs to follow the philosophies of the white people who he seated as a supreme court justice or to give the benefit of the doubt to those as powerless as he was as a young growing up in Pin Point, Georgia.

Consensus is that both the Judge and Ms. Hill were credible witnesses. The real struggle was political in nature, political in desperation, and political in the outcome.

President Bush wanted Clarence Thomas to be a supreme court justice, and his Republican colleagues in the Senate and on the Judiciary Committee had an imperative to produce a victory. They were much better at their job than the Democrats who handled questioning Thomas with kid gloves for most of the four day "fact finding."

The GOP displayed liberal politics at its most vicious but as they hammered away at Anita Hill and asked Judge Thomas questions that put him in the best light possible. It wasn't a fair fight in any stretch of the imagination, but whoever said politics is fair?

Thomas also had the advantage of the 'Old Boys Network' that appeared to align and well. One of his panelists, a businessman from Texas and fellow student at Yale Law School, appeared on his behalf and subtly suggested that Anita Hill, whom he had met at Thomas' office in EEOC, made advances to him! Now that tactic about portraying the black woman as one with loose morals is as old as time. But, once again it seemed to work to benefit the male in question.

However, readers should never forget that Thomas and Hill were old friends who remained in contact even after he left his employ. We may never know how intimate they were or whether or not she was the victim of sexual harassment. And maybe they don't want the depth and strength of their friendship known. But, it appears they share many things in common: backgrounds where they had to struggle against the odds, ethnic origins, ambition and acceptance, and a loyalty to conservative Republicanism. Those elements make some of the wilder theories some of us may have seen to be more plausible and possible.

Somebody else's impossible dream is about to come true if, as we hear it, WNJR deejay Herman Ammons is tottering on the brink of matrimony. The rumor is the great day will be dawning very soon and that members of the wedding party will include the kind of folks star-studded events are made of in heaven and down here... Wonder if WNJR news anchor-turned singer, Bill Franklin will be warbling "It's Almost Like Being In Love?"

Newark councilman Gary Harris is still introducing himself as "the youngest member of the city council." Does that mean that councilman like George Brown, Donald Tucker, Ron Rice, Don Bradley, Marie Villani and others are now "Nearerlhalts"?

Child Watch...

Our thanks to Justice Marshall

by Marian Wright Edelman

It takes incredible courage and spirit to beat the odds as Justice Thurgood Marshall did throughout his life. Despite early barriers because of race, he undertook a legendary crusade for civil rights and served nearly a quarter century on the Supreme Court, the first Black appointed to the highest court in the land. While the struggle for racial equality is far from over, former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall paved the way for equality and justice for all. And millions of Americans owe him a great debt of gratitude for devoting his life to destroying the legal barriers that separate Americans from each other on the basis of race.

Justice Marshall was the great grandson of a slave named Thoroughgood. The future Supreme Court justice was the son of a waiter and a schoolteacher. His mother hoped he'd be a dentist, but instead

he turned to law. He enrolled in Howard University's law program after the University of Maryland rejected him because he was Black.

He worked as a lawyer for the NAACP, then became legal director for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Justice Marshall spent two decades fighting racial discrimination alongside a brave band of Black parents and students in courtrooms through the South and nation. Among the suits he filed was one ensuring that Black teachers' salaries were equal to white teachers' salaries.

A lot of young people today complain about life being hard. Often they don't know what hard is. When Justice Marshall started out, his "tough as nails" approach did not win him a lot of white sympathy. His life was often threatened. But he pressed on. Then came his battle for Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954. Justice Marshall's efforts destroyed the legal notion that separate was equal.

I remember that day as if it were yesterday. As a 14-year-old girl, I had waited many months for court to decide so that I could escape my segregated Black school in rural South Carolina. The Brown case, decided the week after my Daddy died, said I could. But in my town as in many throughout the South, implementing Brown took many years, indeed decades.

Supreme Court, where he served nearly 25 years as Justice, continuing his commitment to make America's promises real for the poor, minorities, and other disadvantaged groups and individuals.

Justice Marshall never forgot his beginnings and never lost his empathy with poor, oppressed or powerless people of any race or gender. He combined a good heart with a sharp mind and a tough-minded opposition to unfairness and injustice. We must hope that all the justices strive to meet these standards.

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Plainfield youth wins in AAA poster contest

ELIZABETH — Jesse Jang of Plainfield was one of the award winners in the American Automobile Association's 47th Annual National School Traffic Safety Poster Program.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently honored 14 local students for their efforts.

"The students obviously worked long and hard on these creative posters," said Union County Freeholder Chairman James Connelly Welsh. "We are extremely proud of all of them."

"The Automobile Association's safety poster program encourages students to learn basic traffic safety rules by creating colorful posters," said Freeholder Walter Boright.



Freeholder James Connelly Welsh (left), Jesse Jang (center), Freeholder Walter Boright (right)

Students "shoot-out" for charity

MILLTOWN — New Jersey Nets forward, Derrick Coleman, will chair the 12th Annual Nets/Easter Seal Basketball Shoot-Out, an event which raises funds for direct services for disabled children and adults throughout the state.

The statewide event is held now through March at various school locations. It encourages students 18 years or younger as well as coaches or athletic directors to have fun and actively participate in helping persons with disabilities. Participants shoot baskets for a 3 minute time period in their school gym or recreational facility, with the number of baskets being recorded on a sponsor form. Prior to the event, students

obtain sponsors to pledge dollars for each basket made. The "Shoot-Out" is held during a regular class period or as an after school event with all contributions being donated to the Easter Seal Society of New Jersey. Chairman Coleman feels "the Easter Seal Basketball Shoot-Out allows students to get involved in their community by playing basketball to raise funds for a great cause."

Interested coaches and teachers wishing to have their students participate in the basketball Shoot-Out may write to the Easter Seal Society of New Jersey, 32 Ford Avenue, P.O. Box 155, Milltown, New Jersey 08850, or call 908 247-8353.

CAN'T TOUCH THIS

KRS-ONE: THE H.E.A.L. PROJECT

by Terry Benjamin

Blast Master KRS-One provides more intelligent hip hop music on the LP "Civilization Vs. Technology," presenting an alliance of black and white recording artists that call themselves H.E.A.L. (Human Education Against Lies). This history making recording is released on a new label KRS-One has established called Eudatiner Records.

"H.E.A.L. Yourself," the first all star single from this album espouses cultural, political, and social lies that help a human being to develop mind, body and soul. All artists address issues of self-respect (Queen Latifah, Ms. Melodie, Freddy Foxxx), drug addiction (L.L. Cool J, Big Daddy Kane), A.I.D.S. (Run D.M.C.), and education (M.C. Lyte) in their own unique styles. KRS-One brings it all together when he raps: "Teaching humanity is what we're doing."

Another all star cast is featured on "Family Got To Get Busy," reflections on the concept of family that includes Salt-N-Pepa ("The family is the foundation/We're here to heal and we're here for the duration"), Kool Moe Dee ("Develop your African mind"), Grand Daddy I.U. ("Family's from the heart"), Ms. Melodie ("We are one"), Ziggy Marley ("I am my father's son"), Kid Capri ("Education starts with family first"), D.M.C. ("The family is

Human Education Against Lies tries
To open the eyes of humanity before it dies
Black and white ain't the real fight
That's the only thing the media hypes

KRS-One H.E.A.L. Yourself

a strong bond"); KRS-One ("There is only one family/That's the human family"); Chuck D. ("The black man must first know who he is"); Doug E. Fresh ("When you break up the family you hurt the foundation"); and DJ Red Alert ("Family come from you").

This project is a family affair in more ways than one. Ms. Melodie, KRS-One's wife, and Kenny Parker, KRS-One's brother are represented by "Anti-Ho" and "Don't Hold Us Back." Ms. Melodie attacks the lie of women as sexual objects and outlines her own prescription for change: "So me I crash through a window/And tell her that ain't the way to grow/As a woman your self-esteem is low."

DI Kenny Parker produces "Don't Hold Us Back," featuring rapper Heather B. who speaks out on men who hold their women back because of their own insecurities. Offering advice from her mother, Heather B. raps: "Some men will do their best to hold you back/Espe-

cially when you're headed down the right track it's not that they don't love you/Or wanna see you fail/But "stronger than love" is the ego of a male"

KRS-One is one rapper that consciously continues to expand the impact of rap music. This current project explodes with international flavor from Billy Bragg to Shabba Ranks. "When you're raising a family you're raising a consciousness don't you see?" is the stirring chorus from "Tighten Up Your Wig" by Billy Bragg and the Athenians with DJ Woody Dee. The reggaean funk reggae style is unleashed by Sister Carol on "I am What I am" as she sings: "I am what I am/And that's what I'm gonna be/And I'm gonna

change to please anybody." "Whole World African" features Ska Danks who sings: "Everybody African."

An all star reggae group, including Shabba Ranks, Miss Linda, Lady English, and Reverend Badoo is featured on "Know Your Culture."

A KRS-One remix of Ziggy Marley's "One Bright Day" features samples from Louis Parrakhan and Flavor Flav.

New talent showcased on this LP include Kushiite ("O' Freedom"), Ready Z ("Correct Education") and Simone ("Family"). On "Correct Education," KRS-One offers advice on how to improve education in America and combat C.S.D.S. ("Common Sense Deficiency Syndrome") and those religious and educational leaders with PHDs ("Psychological Human Disorders").

The centerpiece of this H.E.A.L. Project is the title track "Civilization vs. Technology" that combines the talents of singers Harmony and Michael Stipe of R.E.M. with rapper/producer KRS-One. This is a call to save the late great planet earth as KRS-One raps: "We have to answer to the next generation/From radiation to contamination." KRS-One's "wake up" call to humanity continues on his latest LP with this rapper/producer using the power of music to unite, speak out and organize popular music's most visible performers. Like his Sopot

The Violence Movement and single "Self Destruction," the hope of this writer is that this H.E.A.L. project will catch fire and make a positive impact on the next generation of rappers.

Plainfield peace night

PLAINFIELD — A fundraiser for the Toddler Learning Center, dedicated to all those "brothers and sisters who have passed away" in Plainfield will be held at Plainfield High School on October 26. Billed as Peace Night, this was the brainchild of FAME-LEE, a Plainfield singing group who recently signed with CBS/Def Jam Records. After gaining national exposure with their "Love Me" soundtrack in the movie "Living Large," the group decided to give something back to the community by performing in their home town to assist the day care center directed by their mother Deborah Preayer. Others performing will be The Peace Time Girls, Ticeem, City E, Stepping Group Kappa League, Alpha Glory, MC Cheese, Rhyme Family Cartel, Phungk Syndrome from Jersey State Montclair State College will also perform. This positive program, hosted by comedian Derrick Fox will begin at 6 p.m. with the \$10 admission payable at the door.

Unity Jam

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each panel. Panel topics cover the gamut — AIDS, drugs, teen parents, education, police, religion, and racial stereotypes. Titles run from "Drugs: Who's Clocking, Who's Using, Who's Paying and Why?" to "Society and Environment: SOS or Survival on the Streets." The conference coordinators chose topics they felt could influence inner-city youth to gain a sense of direction, positivity, and self esteem.

The conference coordinators, assisted by adult advisors, head all aspects of the event: program, art, recruitment, fundraising, and public relations.

I think the stated purpose [of YES] is excellent...The idea of using young people is to me a real plus...Their peers can more easily identify with the message. It just makes a whole lot of good sense...

James S. Avery
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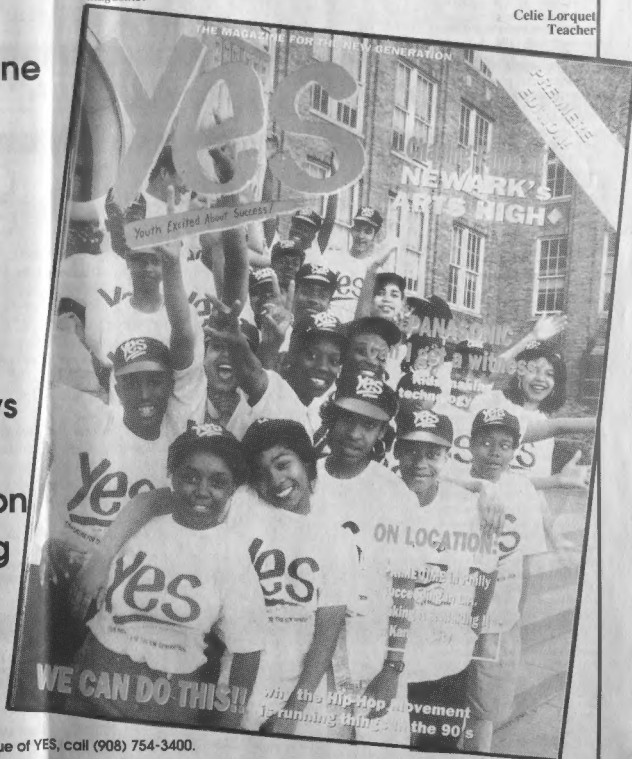
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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

SOUTH ORANGE—Sethon Hall Center for Public Service plans Fall course on non-denominational religious organization management. For further information call (201) 761-9510.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

PERTH AMBOY—The Evangelical Ministry of Second Baptist is hosting Harvest Festival '91 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at Washington Park. For more information call (908) 826-5293.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

IRVINGTON—Mt. Moriah AME Church is having its Fourth Annual Family and Friends Day Celebration beginning at noon and featuring a special evening musical program. For more information call (201) 242-2887.

NEWARK—St. Mary's Parish, 528 MUK Blvd. will hold its 5th Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Bazaar following the morning's services.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

NEWARK—Newark North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen and Churches of Newark present Back to God Fall City-wide Crusade Festival from Nov. 3 to Nov. 6. For more information call 201-484-3031.

Orange clean-up day

ORANGE—Mayor Robert L. Brown is seeking volunteers to help "Polish up the Orange." On Saturday, October 26, the City of Orange Township will sponsor a Public Lands Clean-up Day. Volunteer city employees and residents will be cleaning up city-owned lots. Any residents interested in participating should contact the Public Works Department at 266-4030 by Thursday, October 24 for information.

Thomas confirmed

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fair...we had won..." But, even as Judge Thomas' former employer was crying foul, Professor Hill was preparing to come to Washington to testify that the former Equal Employment Opportunity Commission chairman had tried to date her and show her pornographic movies when she worked as his special assistant.

Sen. Joseph Biden (D-DE), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, tried to prepare the country for a Congressional hearing like no other, but no one was prepared for the ugly charges hurled at Judge Thomas by Miss Hill and his firm denials which kept the committee in sessions from 10 a.m. Friday, October 11 until 2 a.m. Monday, October 14.

The cheers of tourists and fans of Judge Thomas signaled his entrance each day into the historic Senate Caucus room made famous by the Watergate hearings and the Iran-Contra affair. This is where John Dean and Oliver North sat before the Senate and where Clarence Thomas ultimately was forced to defend his reputation. In the end it was the White House assessment of Judge Thomas that the Senate voted for. President Bush said when he nominated the candidate on July 1, 1991, that "this life is a model for all Americans, and he's earned right to sit on this nation's highest court." Many of the senators said last Tuesday that Professor Hill had not proven her case "beyond a reasonable doubt because a pattern of sexual harassment had not appeared and the charges rest only on one person."

Judge Thomas, like retired Justice Thurgood Marshall, the man he succeeds won the confirmation after a delayed vote. Justice Marshall was confirmed in 1967 by a 69-11 vote after a delay of more than two months. This week's vote makes the fifth time Judge Thomas has been confirmed by Congress for a federal position. The others were, 1981, assistant secretary for civil rights; 1982 and 1986, chairman of the EEOC and 1989, Judge, U.S. District Court of Appeals.

Perth Amboy's Harvest Festival '91

PERTH AMBOY—The Evangelical Ministry of the Second Baptist Church located at 101 Broad Street in Perth Amboy is presenting its Harvest Festival '91 on October 26 from noon to 5 p.m.

With the theme being "Sow an explosion," all kinds of entertain-

ment including dancing, music, and dramatic performances will be featured. There will also be a special word shared by Rev. Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor of the church.

For more information please call 908-826-5293.

New social security 800 number

NEWARK—The Social Security Administration (SSA) has changed its tollfree telephone number as of October 1, to 1-800-SSA-1213 (1-800-772-1213). Catherine G. Christoff Social Security manager in Newark announced.

The SSA number change resulted from Congressional legislation that requires Federal Government agencies to convert to a new telecommunications system called FTS 2000. Since the new system is managed by a different service carrier than the agencies had used in the past, SSA had to change its tollfree number.

With the assistance of a teleservice representative at the 800 number, you can change a mailing address, make an appointment to apply for benefits, report a missing check, or simply ask a question.

Service on the 800 number is available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7

p.m. But, the best times to call are early in the morning or late in the afternoon, Wednesday through Friday after the first week of the month.

Calvary Baptist holds testimonial banquet

PLAINFIELD—The deacon board of Calvary Baptist Church of Plainfield will sponsor, with the support of the pastor, The Rev. Dr. William G. Howard and the Calvary family, A testimonial banquet for deacon Edward Keith, Chairman Emeritus, for many years of loyal and faithful service to this membership.

The board will honor deacon Keith at The Pines Manor, Edison, NJ, Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. Reservations are still available. For information, call Calvary Baptist Church 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., 561-5187 or 561-5385 after 5:30 p.m. daily.

Plainfield educational festival

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield High School is hosting an Educational Festival on October 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. featuring Dr. Lenworth Gunther at the high school located on Park Avenue.

The event is set to celebrate the talent and achievements of Plainfield students. The schedule includes a public forum as well as several workshops. For more information, please call the high school at 908-753-3240.

Seniors trick or treat

PLAINFIELD—Senior citizens of Richmond Towers in Plainfield will be offering their own Halloween goodies on October 31 for area children.

In an effort to show Plainfield children that older people are friendly and are not mean as they have often been portrayed, they will be setting up tables and giving out trick or treat candy for youngsters.

They are scheduled to be outside from after school hours until dark.

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RAHWAY, NJ—Dick Cragg's Comedy Cabaret at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1801 Irving St. Tickets are \$75/\$25 for all ages. For more info, call 908-989-8226.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—State Theatre presents "Stars of the New York City Ballet" at 8:00 p.m. Dance Koster and Robert de Fosse join other principal dancers from the New York City Ballet for an evening of highlights from best-loved classical and popular works. For more information, call 908-246-7469.

POMONA, NJ—The Court Basic Orchestra, led by longtime Basic arranger/composer Frank Foster at Stockton State University Performing Arts Center. For more info, call 908-652-9000.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

WATCHING, NJ—Marlene Vepranek will sing for the jazz series at the Watchung Arts Center, Route 22 (Plainfield overpass). For more info, call 908-753-0190.

SOMERVILLE, NJ—Back by popular demand, "The Flying Karamazov Brothers" at Raritan Valley Community College at 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-932-4482.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—"Jai, Je He!" performed by a multi-media performance troupe presenting its newest works at Voorhees Hall, Rutgers University. For more info, call 908-932-4482.

MONTCLAIR, NJ—A family concert performance of the Off Broadway, at Edgemont School, 20 Edgemont Rd. 11:30-12:30 p.m. Free. For more info, call 908-246-7469.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—The State Theatre presents Bill Cosby, the country's most admired entertainer thru Oct. 27. For more info, call 908-246-7469.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—"Anna Christie" will be presented at the George Street Playhouse thru Nov. 17. For more info, call 908-548-0852/549-4670.

NEWARK, NJ—"Onwards Broadway" African-Cuban music will be featured at Mary B. Burch Theater, Essex County College, 303 University Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10/\$5/students. For more info, call 201-877-4425 or 4426.

RAHWAY, NJ—"Phantom of the Opera" will be presented at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1801 Irving St. Tickets \$5. For more info, call 908-989-8226.

On display — Achievements against the odds

WEST WINDSOR, NJ — They made contributions to the fields of art, labor, and medicine and they fought personal and national battles for freedom. They wrote stories, poems, and songs and introduced the Charleston and the Cakewalk to American audiences. They are the black women who helped shape America's history and who have contributed to the richness of our nation's culture and society.

To celebrate these women and to acquaint others with their accomplishments, Mercer County Community College has purchased an exhibition, "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds," which is now on display in the college's library on West Windsor Campus, located at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

Library hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free.

The exhibition, produced by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, represents 200 years of achievements by black women in areas such as religion, civil rights, art, athletics, education, labor, journalism, entertainment, government, science, literature, medicine, science, and business. It features 18 women whose portraits have been drawn in pencil by illustrator Nancy Edwards Calder. Each portrait incorporates scenes from the woman's life and includes a quotation and the woman's story. Also included with each portrait are vintage photographs and statements of several other women whose lives also reflect the challenges and inspirations of that particular area of study.

Examples of women featured in the exhibition are Madame C. J. Walker (1867-1919), the first female black American millionaire who worked her way from washerwoman to head of her own

cosmetics manufacturing company; Katherine Dunham (b. 1912), an anthropologist who studied African, Caribbean, Central European and classical ballet dances and formed her own troupe to perform a unique combination of those dance traditions; and Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), who is known for her work in the underground railroad, and who was the only woman in American history to plan and lead a military raid.

A resource handbook is available for teachers and discussion leaders, and includes program suggestions, audio-visual resources, classroom activities, a timeline and a bibliography for young people. The exhibition, which is designed for travel, will later be available for use off campus by schools and organizations.

For more information on the exhibition, call Carol McCullough at the college at 609-586-4800, ext. 360.

Grand Re-opening of Plainfield's New Strand Theater

PLAINFIELD — Saturday, October 26th marks the gala grand re-opening of the Strand Theater located at 207 East Front Street.

After many years of very little action, Goldtone Entertainment, Inc., is hoping to take the theater into a new era of cultural and enlightening entertainment for people of all types and age groups.

Two shows will be presented on Saturday at 7 and 11 p.m. with a ribbon cutting taking place before the first show. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Featured artists include Cuba Gooding and the Main Ingredient, Blue Magic, Ray, Goodman, and Brown, Esceara, and Ethel Beatty. A special resident who is based in Plainfield and who is well-known in the theater circuit throughout New Jersey, WBLS radio personality and DJ Vaughn Harper will host both shows.

Representatives of Goldtone, which is based in Plainfield, are optimistic and excited about the New Strand and are hoping to make it one of the main entertainment attractions in the area and the state.

Cosby

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way. Challenged by a performing space with a massive support beam in its center, the company persevered in its mission to create a home for African American artists, playwrights and designers so they could develop and present their art to audiences. Crossroads also has striven to "build bridges of understanding" among people through the presentation of work by and about blacks.

A Winter Wonderland

PLAINFIELD — Sterling Creations, located at 731 West Eighth Street in Plainfield will be hosting a Winter Wonderland reception, show, and sale as a harbinger of Christmas.

The gallery will be decorated in holiday flavor as a way to capture the spirit of the season.

The event will take place on Friday, November 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. with a show and sale on November 23 and 24 from 1 to 6 p.m. Another show and sale will take place the following weekend on November 29, 30, and December 1 from 1 to 6 p.m.

The November 22 show will be highlighted by a visit from the Sterling Creations African American Fairy Princess and a fashion show with clothes modeled especially for the African American male.

Sterling Creations invites everyone to "view New Jersey's largest collection of African American art while you sip hot cider under hundreds of twinkling stars and lights surrounded by snow covered trees."

Several items will be on display and will be available for purchase including Kwanzaa cards and wrapping paper, wind chimes that play the blues, African American ornaments, and others.

For more information please call 908-668-7725 and RSVP only by November 8.

A Single Vision in Montclair

MONTCLAIR — "A Single Vision" meets the first and third Friday of every month at Montclair Unity Church, 84 Orange Road, in Montclair at 7:30 p.m.

This is a dynamic group where singles can come for lively conversation. Meetings include special interest speakers on a variety of metaphysical topics and refreshments are served. The group is non-denominational and all are welcome.

On November 1 the speaker will be Michael Kardis and the topic will be "Relationships: How to Play in Traffic Without a Blindfold." For more information, please call 746-8411 or 226-5999.

Community Awareness Series celebrates 14th anniversary

JERSEY CITY — The Community Awareness Series of the Jersey City Public Library is presenting Pathways: A Vision of Culture to celebrate its 14th anniversary on Saturday October 26th at 8 p.m. with a dinner buffet and several cultural performances.

The Stokes Singers, a children's singing and recitalist group will be featured along with Neheue, a contemporary African musician, and the Hudson Repertory Theater Dance Company. The evening will also include addresses by Alicia Bass, Esq., Professor Robert Perry of St. Peter's College, with A.D.

Sennar of the AELO Music Group serving as guest MC. There will also be an award presented to Priscilla Weaver, the head librarian of the Miller Branch of the Jersey City Public Library.

CAS considers itself to be a vital, artist-driven community-based cultural service organization. They work to nurture young artists and expose professional artists and productions. Since the inception of CAS over 650 separate productions have been presented.

For more information about the anniversary celebration please call 201-547-4505.

Be en Vogue
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The host with the most

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scourge of drugs in suburban as well as urban communities.

Mayor James seized the opportunity to put some misconceptions about Newark to rest, personally narrating a tour of housing in Newark. His mayoral colleagues saw the good and the bad, the old and the new neighborhoods. The tour included visits to tenants in Hayes Homes and Victory Gardens and the Homeowner of condos in Society Hill at University Heights.

Random conversation revealed that Democratic mayors around the country intend to make President Bush's re-election efforts more than a perfunctory movement. At least 58 percent of the nation's cities report that the current recession is worse for them than the 1981-82 recession.

Most believe they have not yet felt the full brunt of the economic slowdown.

Like Newark cities are struggling against tax restriction that reduce their ability to deal with budgetary shortfalls and more than 50 percent of the cities are either making reductions in employees or seriously contemplating doing so by year's end.

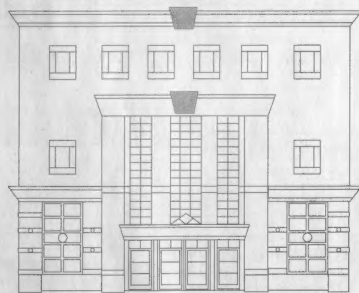
In brief remarks at the luncheon, Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, president of the USCM, said his colleagues' message to Washington (president and congress) is "clear and direct - let's get Americans back to work."

He characterized the delay to reauthorize the Transportation bill and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit as "bad news" for the construction industry and for the people. Getting the construction industry back on track will put tens of thousands of people in the construction trades to work by stemming the growing number of families whose unemployment benefits have expired.

There was high praise for Mayor James from the visitors who congratulated James and the business partnerships and developers working to put the "new Newark" in place.

Governor Florio was unable to address the luncheon but three members of Congress did attend. U.S. Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg spoke briefly to the group and Congressman Donald Payne extended cordial greetings at the conclusion of the press conference and luncheon.

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CITY BUSINESS

Business Exchange... Don't stop the Carnival

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — Before I met you I didn't know what time it was. Our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean are providing American Black Leadership a lesson in timeliness for their communities through courting the high-tech industry. While our Far South kin have for years held sway as the best "party time" people of color in this part of the world, now more of them think microchip and high-tech over calypso and reggae. Black community capitalists seeking to develop and revive America's inner-cities may wish to look at the successes black-led Caribbean countries have had cutting deals with high-tech corporations to gain more jobs, bucks and financial opportunities for their people.

The Caribbean Basin is exploding with new high-tech ventures and partnerships. Growing numbers of North American and European firms are entering deals with black governments here and dipping into the Caribbean's large reserve of young, highly skilled and well-educated brown and black workers. From Puerto Rico to Barbados, from Jamaica to Dominica and the balmey Bahamas, satellite dishes that send and receive data of companies all over the world are rivaling the tourist industry and carnival galas as potent symbols of change and expansion of revenue opportunities.

Forty years ago, black and brown Puerto Rico was an agricultural economy. Twenty years ago, the garment industry dominated the economy. Today this island of a million people is largely into high-tech manufacturing. With economic programs that are good for the country and companies in industry, people in Puerto Rico are turning out everything from pharmaceuticals and electronic software.

A concept as simple as Enterprise Zones can help alert black community leaders and entrepreneurs toward similar reviving of America's inner-cities. If we follow the lead of governments in the Caribbean, we can attract the tax and real estate revenues, employment opportunities and state-of-the-art skills training of the AT&Ts, IBMs, Sonys, and other large and small microchip producers and users of the world to our doors.

Joining the cruise-ship lines and carnival fun-seekers' industry, the new electronic highways into the Caribbean are extending the service networks of major high-tech companies while adding to the financial coffers of Barbados, Jamaica and other countries in the Far South. The Caribbean's largest new industry is data processing. In Barbados, an island of less than a million people, North American companies' data entry requirements have added 2,000 jobs and more than \$50 million to the annual economy here.

The growing global demand for

data processing is one logical way for inner-cities to gain employment opportunities for our millions of highly competent, but un-and-under employed young people. We must stop following people around to gain our work and training. We must start creating opportunities where we are and elect to be. People in the Caribbean are as black as us and experience the same obstacles of racism as we do. However, they are exhibiting the vision and resourcefulness to bring the future, in the form of high-tech industries, to

their communities and fortunes.

Brothers and sisters who've elected to cut back on carnival and party time here can adopt zoning concepts and programs in their cities that can be advantageous to Data General, Hewlett-Packard, Apple and MCI to bring them to our neighborhoods. If we stop fixing to get ready to develop, we'll know what time it really is. We can move now to enhance our futures by forming partnerships with high-tech corporate America to make our mutual fortunes and productivity greater.

Plainfield budget

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council's budget is eligible to be cut." Councilwoman Faheemah El-Amin suggested that perhaps the administration and the union could re-negotiate the contract to freeze the union salaries rather than to cut jobs. Councilman Jon Bramnick said that this was a possibility but that the measure just wouldn't provide enough of a savings. If layoffs do occur, El-Amin stated that the administration will place the blame on the council.

"What is essential is that we demonstrate financial responsibility," stated Dunn. Councilman Bramnick inquired if the city got itself out of trouble by cutting jobs, would the city still be eligible for distressed cities monies. A citizen on the committee stated that he didn't want to live in a city that was

dependent on the state to bail it out all of the time. The homeowners cannot take another tax increase, all we have in the city is our homes and the people.

At the end of the session president Urquhart decided that a letter would be drafted to the administration informing them of the amount of cuts the council has agreed to and requesting that the administration get back to the council with their recommendations of where to make the cuts. When asked if the reduction amount was the highest figure she was considering, Urquhart said that she felt that the figure would probably be a little lower than that. Negotiations still have to be done. No date was set for the next budget session.



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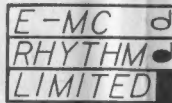
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